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CHAOS

THERE was total chaos at Lod Airport for several hours yesterday evening. Incoming planes were diverted to Cyprus. Passengers on the last few planes permitted to land hung about in the hope of being able to get at their baggage in time, while other passengers who had expected to leave jammed all the airport facilities, and some of the younger ones began to bed down on the floor as they realised that there was no prospect of getting away. The more fortunate ones were found hotel rooms by El Al, but others had little chance of being able to find a bed at short notice. Add to this anxious relatives trying to discover whether passengers they were meeting would come in or be shunted off elsewhere, and the result is an inferno of overcrowding, danger and worry. This was the result of the lightning strike which was announced by airport workers at noon and put into effect at 4 p.m., after their first two demands had already been met.

The picture is, in fact, similar in a good many respects to that which may have been the target of the terrorists who recently contrived to palm off two booby-trapped suitcases on two girls travelling to Israel, with the intention of letting the girls and suitcases be blown up in mid-air. If they had succeeded and all the evidence had been destroyed it might have been extremely difficult to discover immediately how the crime was perpetrated with new precautions delaying flights and causing confusion.

In the past the terrorists operating abroad have been only too anxious to claim full credit for their deeds, and have found audiences of sympathetic newspapermen to whom to recount their exploits, with suitable embellishments. More than once they have claimed to have caused damage by sabotage that either never took place at all, or was due to an accident, such as the conflagration at Lod Airport two years ago, when part of the building was razed by a sudden fire. It is quite on the cards that they will claim what they count as credit for yesterday's stoppage and confusion at Lod. We are now reaping the fruit of the decision of several European countries to free the confessed assassins during the hijacking crisis just a year ago. They were tempted to treat the attacks on Israel planes as a "political" matter. Air travel is too sensitive an objective to be disrupted by casual strikes. It is, in effect, our only link with the outside world. It is enough that there should have been several disastrous plane crashes during the past few days, down to the mysterious crash near Hamburg last night. All sudden diversion of aircraft from their scheduled flights, to strange airports and unfamiliar landing conditions spell danger, as does overcrowding at airports that can make the security precautions needed now almost impossible to carry out.

This strike by relatively well-paid personnel is the most irresponsible to date and it is intolerable. If work orders could be mobilized against doctors who were extremely careful to make sure that patients would suffer no more than inconvenience, and were in a position to judge the cases, then work orders should be issued to safeguard air traffic this morning unless airport workers accept Mr. Ben-Aharon's last minute advice to them last night to return to work.

Heath rejects Irish bid for U.N. force

LONDON. — Prime Minister Edward Heath has flatly rejected any United Nations intervention in Northern Ireland or an end of partition of Ireland between north and south, British Government sources said yesterday.

The two conferred for more than nine hours at Chequers, the British Prime Minister's official country residence. They sought ways to stem the Northern Ireland bloodbath, which claimed its 100th victim in two years even as they talked. They agreed to continue their talks this morning.

British Government sources said Mr. Heath told Mr. Lynch he would not consider allowing any U.N. observer group on the troubled north-south border, as the southern Irish Prime Minister has proposed. The sources said Mr. Heath also told Mr. Lynch there is no question at the moment of changing the constitutional setup under which Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom.

In Londonderry, a girl of about 15 last night became the 100th victim of Northern Ireland's civil strife. She was killed in a crossfire between snipers and British troops in the Roman Catholic Bogside district.

Prospects of still bloodier clashes in the divided north grew by the minute. The "Provisional" command of the I.R.A. — extreme nationalists sworn to blast all foreign influence, and above all British influence, out of Ireland — pledged to step up the violence unless five demands are met by midnight tomorrow.

Those demands, including the abolition of Northern Ireland's domestic parliament, were immediately rejected by the provincial government. "We don't deal with murderers," a spokesman said.

On the other side of the divide, militant Protestant leaders called for volunteers to arm against the I.R.A. A Belfast crowd estimated by police at 15,000 to 20,000 cheered the Rev. Ian Paisley as he urged them "to stand shoulder to shoulder to drive the I.R.A. from the province." (UPI)

Jeddah parley is put off

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Saudi Arabia has postponed indefinitely a reconciliation meeting in Jeddah for tomorrow between the Jordanian Government and the terrorists, a government spokesman said in Amman yesterday.

The conference was originally scheduled for yesterday but was adjourned for two days before it was put off again.

The head of the Jordanian delegation to the proposed conference, Riad al-Muflih, said in a statement over Amman Radio that the postponement of the Jeddah meeting has been urged by the Saudi Arabian Government.

The Jeddah conference was planned to discuss a working paper which was drafted jointly by Saudi Arabia and Egypt in a mediation which has been going on for about two months.

However, the Patah, which has been cooperating in the mediation attempt, appeared to have yielded to the pressure of the radical terrorist groups to reject any new accommodation with Jordan while advocating "revolutionary violence" to topple King Hussein's regime.

Only 5 states answer call of Arab League

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Only five Arab states have so far agreed to send their Foreign Ministers to a special Cairo session of the 14-nation Arab League to coordinate the Arab stand on the eve of the U.N. General Assembly session later this month.

If half of the League's member states fail to respond, the meeting might be cancelled, and the Foreign Ministers will be meeting each other only in New York. The special session was planned to discuss Egypt's strategy in the Middle East crisis and Jordan's desire to convene the Security Council to debate the question of Jerusalem.

'Chinese aid Rumanians in missile fuel production'

BUCHAREST (AP). — Soviet informants have told Westerners that last week's Chinese-Rumanian military talks involved discussion on setting up a petro-chemical complex here for the production of missile and rocket fuel.

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Helwan men sacked for holding strike

CAIRO (UPI). — The Egyptian Government last night ordered the dismissal of a number of steel workers for organizing a sit-in strike last month at the Helwan iron and steel complex south of Cairo, the Middle East News Agency said.

The Government also ordered the dissolution of the Arab Socialist Union and trade unionist bureaus at the factory, charging that their attitude towards the strike was "negative" and some of their members even incited the strikers. Five senior officials, including the company's board chairman, were pensioned off, the agency added.

President Sadat broke the news of the strike in a national broadcast last night, saying that the Arab Socialist Union's Central Committee on August 29.

Soft Soviet moon landing

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union maintained its usual secrecy over its latest space venture yesterday as the unmanned Luna 18 space craft neared the moon for a probable soft landing today.

The Russians have so far issued only one progress report on the probe's flight. Tass said on Friday that 12 hours after last Thursday's launching the vehicle had covered a little more than one-quarter of the 384,395 kms. to the moon.

Although official reports have not indicated when the craft is due to go into moon orbit and then descend to the lunar surface, the last two Luna missions have both taken between five and six days to reach the moon.

The mission is the first major Soviet space effort since three Russians were killed last June on their return from a record endurance flight aboard the Salyut space station, which is still orbiting the earth.

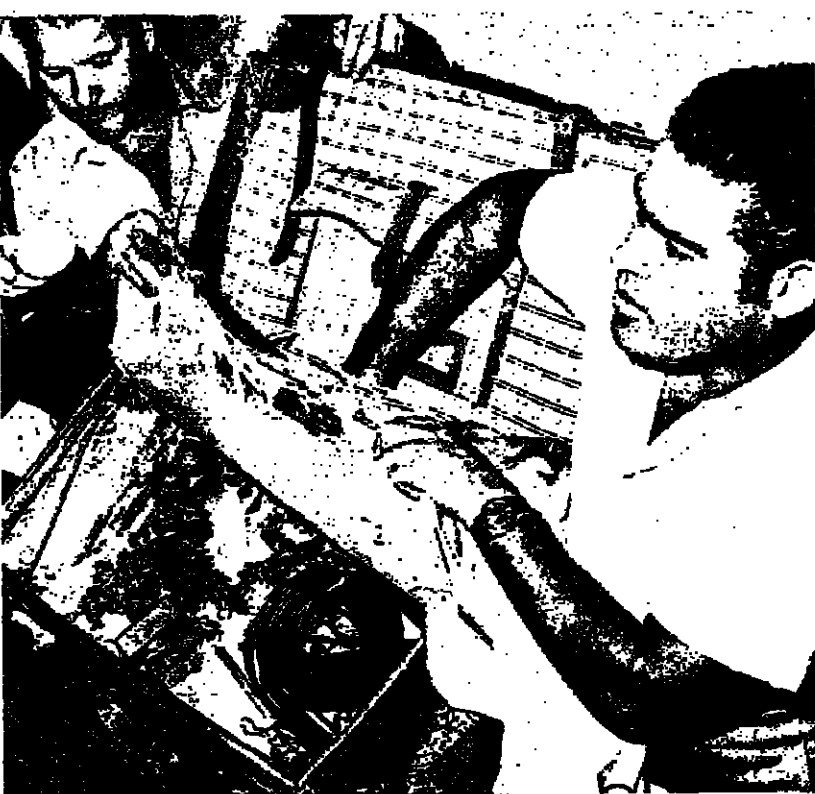
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Police Superintendent Yigael Marcus (right) and aide yesterday show false-bottomed suitcase containing concealed explosives aimed at blowing up Israeli airliner. (IPFA photo)

POLICE DISPLAY BOMB LUGGAGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The target of the two "human bombs" — the two foreign girls who were duped into carrying explosives — was El Al's Jumbo jet. This was revealed yesterday at a press conference at which the suitcases carried by the girls were displayed by Rav-Pakad Amos Arikha, Tel Aviv police spokesman, and by Rav-Pakad Yigael Marcus, of the Special Duties Department.

Both speakers parried many questions with a "no comment," "it can't be revealed now," and "I don't know." However, they said that both girls showed every sign of having been innocent and were cooperating with the police. Both had purchased one-way tickets to Israel.

(It is learned that both have been released and are to leave the country shortly.)

Mr. Arikha, who opened the press conference, read from a prepared statement. He said that some time ago a girl student from Holland, about 20 years old, met a group of youth in Belgrade. One of them

said he was an Arab from Bethlehem. After they became acquainted, he asked her to take a suitcase with some of his personal belongings, and presents, to his family in Bethlehem.

The girl was to receive \$2,500 from his mother, and she was to bring this money back to Europe. When he received the money, he would "reimburse" her for her trouble.

The young Arab praised El Al's Jumbo, saying that it was the most comfortable and modern plane he had flown by. El Al The girl, who bought her own ticket, however, took another plane to Israel. She flew from Rome.

The suitcase she was given was a large tan one, made of plastic. Among other things, it contained two small bricks of TNT, each weighing 200 grammes, 25 metres of explosive detonator cord, a detonator, dynamite fuse, and electric batteries. All were concealed in the double bottom of the suitcase.

Investigation showed that the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Schroeder sees Eban

Jerusalem Post Reporter. Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, the former West German Foreign Minister and now Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Bundestag, met with Foreign Minister Eban at his Jerusalem home yesterday. Last night, Dr. Schroeder and his wife were guests of Mr. Eban at a dinner in the King David Hotel.

Dr. Schroeder yesterday toured Jerusalem and visited its Holy Places. He also visited Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity. The Schroeders, who arrived Sunday on a six-day visit, also went to nearby Beit Jalla to visit the Talita Kumi School, which is supported by German Protestants.

He paid a visit to the Knesset, where he was received by Acting Speaker Yitzhak Navon.

'No comment' on report of Bar-Lev trip

TEL AVIV. — The Army spokesman yesterday refused to comment on an Egyptian report yesterday that the Chief of Staff, Rav-Avur Haim Bar-Lev is currently visiting Ethiopia.

"We don't comment on Cairo reports," he said.

The Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" expressed concern yesterday about the alleged visit. The paper, in a front-page editorial, noted previous reports that Israel wants to lease an Ethiopian island at the southern end of the Red Sea to safeguard its trade lifeline to Africa and guarantee uninterrupted flow of vital petroleum supplies, especially after an Arab terrorist mortaring of the tanker Coral Sea a few months ago.

Liberian envoy was in Cairo before coming here

By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter. The Liberian President's personal emissary, Mr. Ernest Eastman, who arrived in Israel on Sunday to meet with Premier Golda Meir, visited Cairo before coming here, it is learned. He is believed to have seen President Sadat. The exact purpose of his Cairo visit was not known, but he presumably reported on it when he met with Mrs. Meir on Sunday night.

Under-Secretary of State Eastman delivered to Mrs. Meir a personal letter from President William Tolbert in reply to her message to him on the eve of the Knesset conference of 10 African heads of State. He leaves Israel today.

Mr. Eastman is understood to have assured Mrs. Meir that President Tolbert will take an active part in future deliberations of the 10 African heads of State.

President Tolbert was said to feel that there was room for a more balanced approach to the Middle East by the Organization of African Unity — which set up the conference of 10, and which earlier adopted (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Soviet air chief, 6 Migs in France

PARIS (Reuters). — Soviet Air Marshal Pavel Stepanovich Kutuchov, accompanied by a flight of six Mig-21 fighters, arrived in France yesterday. The Migs landed at a French air base near Reims, in eastern France, leaving Marshal Kutuchov to fly on to Paris' Le Bourget Airport in his Tupolev-124 airliner.

The Soviet marshal, Chief of Air Staff, was invited here by General Gabriel Gauthier, Chief of Staff of the French Air Force, who paid an official visit to the Soviet Union last June with a group of French Mirage-III jets.

Chaos at Lod as 800 airport workers strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOD AIRPORT.—Chaos descended upon this airport yesterday evening as administrative and operating personnel heeded a call by the Civil Aviation Workers Union and walked off their jobs to demand wage increases. In doing so, the country's 800 civil aviation employees joined customs officials, already on strike since Wednesday for more fringe benefits.

The lightning strike—which affects all of the countries' airports—grounded all outgoing flights, stranding more than 1,000 passengers. Incoming flights were landing with "emergency instructions" from the control tower.

Airport workers refused to handle or unload incoming flights and hundreds more passengers milled about in the arrivals hall, unable to collect their baggage and unwilling to move until they did.

Transport Minister Shimon Peres said, "I have no sufficient words with which to denounce this strike. Coming at the height of the tourist season and in view of the security situation, this strike was the last thing we needed."

This airport was a sea of confusion at about 10 p.m. when as many as 1,000 persons milled about aimlessly, with no one on hand to give them precise information. Later in the evening some 400 hotel rooms were found for stranded passengers and the crowd at Lod diminished.

Six El Al flights bound for the U.S. and three more for Europe, plus several of other airlines were stranded and could not take off.

The El Al passengers alone exceeded 700, and the company appealed to the Israelis among them to return home, while the tourists among them were taken to hotels at the airline's expense.

EL AL FLIGHTS

An El Al spokesman announced that as soon as the strike ends the company will issue statements over the radio and in the press, concerning resumption of the flights.

Among the flights that landed after four p.m. — when the strike was declared — were four El Al planes, including a Jumbo jet, which speeded out 400 passengers. Also touching down were a Rumanian Tarom plane and a Sabena aircraft.

Lod's porters, who are also striking, refused to unload the luggage from the planes. A group of French tourists, unable to get their baggage, gave up and left the terminal without their valises. Likewise, the South African Maccabi cricket team left the terminal without their luggage.

A B.O.A.C. flight bound for Tehran via Lod was diverted to Nicosia, as was a K.L.M. flight. An Air France flight was ordered to land at Athens instead.

The total strike of all airports in the country was declared at 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

Fifty persons stranded in Eliat Airport were taken north by bus, as two planes were not permitted to take off.

In an interview over Israel Broadcasting last night, Mr. Peres termed the strike "irresponsibly vicious." He said that it had taken him by surprise. "They notified us at 12 and walked off the job at four," he said. "Israel has enough troubles in the air as it is," he declared. "This is all we needed now!"

Mr. Peres declared last night he is prepared to take "all steps necessary" to restore normal work at the airports. This could mean he will issue "back to work" orders forcing the aviation workers to return to normal work.

The meeting with Mr. Ben-Aharon ended at 11 p.m. and the workers committee then that to Lod to report to a workers meeting.

Last night the Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Mr. Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, held urgent negotiations with the workers in an effort to persuade them to return to work immediately. If his efforts fail it appeared Mr. Peres would issue the orders immediately.

TWO DEMANDS

A spokesman of the Transport Ministry told The Post last night that negotiations have been in progress with the workers since last Friday over two demands. The first was that anyone working more than 12 hours be given an extra IL250 lunchtime allowance, even if they already receive meal vouchers. The second demand, by fire engine drivers, was that the IL150 bonus they receive if they work over 12 hours be paid to anyone working an eight-hour shift.

The spokesman said that after consultations with the Civil Service

Air disaster in Hamburg

HAMBURG (Reuters). — A British-built airliner with 121 people aboard crashed and burned while attempting to make an emergency landing on an autobahn last night.

In the total confusion prevailing after the disaster, police estimates of the death toll varied from more than 80 to less than 10.

First reports said all aboard the BAC-111 airliner, which belonged to the charter company Pan International and was bound for the Spanish holiday resort of Malaga, were German.

The pilot apparently tried to land on the Hamburg-Kiel autobahn near the village of Hasloh some 10 kms. from Hamburg, but was thwarted by a bridge. Two and a half hours after the crash rescuers were still searching the area in a desperate search for bodies or survivors.

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COMING SOON TO ISRAEL

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Damage of IL100,000 was caused by a fire at the Able chemical works in Ramat Gan last night. Seven fire engines attended the blaze and prevented greater losses.

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ISRAEL COMMERCE FEDERATION

Grocers' Section — Centre

OPEN LETTER

The Israel Commerce Federation supports the grocers in their just struggle for an honourable living. It rejects, however, the grocers' strike, as a means to solve their problems. A strike can only cause unnecessary discomfort to the public.

The Federation calls on the Government and the Histadrut to stop the incitement against the retailers, who have been depicted as speculators exploiting the devaluation.

The Federation demands that the Government control on producers, suppliers and wholesalers, who raise their prices without justification and control, be more effective.

The Federation demands from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to investigate anew all the economic and commercial problems related to the grocers' branch.

Dear Customer, We are not responsible for the increase in prices; on the contrary, the grocers' profits decreased.



New strike launched in Vietnam

SAIGON. — South Vietnamese troops moved into areas near the Laotian border and below the demilitarized zone yesterday after saturation bombing raids by U.S. B-52 Stratofortresses had cleared the way.

A U.S. spokesman said the bombers dropped nearly 1,000 tons of high explosives in one of the raids against suspected Communist troop concentrations in northern South Vietnam.

An armada of 200 U.S. helicopters ferried thousands of South Vietnamese troops into western Quang Tri Province in the major new operation to disrupt Communist supply lines below the DMZ, according to military sources.

The sweep, involving at least three brigades of Government troops, began at 6 a.m. in rugged country west of Cam Lo and not far from the abandoned Khe Sanh outpost. More than 2,000 American soldiers were moved back into the province to support the campaign, including armored, artillery and infantry units, military sources said.

Military sources said the new drive was planned entirely by South Vietnamese commanders in the area. Meanwhile, Maj-Gen. Ngo Dzu, a top South Vietnamese field commander under investigation on charges of running a narcotics ring, has been promoted to lieutenant general by President Nguyen Van Thieu.

100 Tupamaros flee jail in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO (UPI). — An estimated 100 left-wing Tupamaros terrorists, including Uruguay's top guerrilla leader, Raul Sendic, tunneled their way 100 metres to freedom yesterday in the nation's biggest jailbreak, police sources said.

The escape of the terrorists followed by only five weeks a massive flight by 38 female members of the secret left-wing organization from a women's jail.

Prison director Col. Pascual Cirilo refused to give details of the jailbreak, saying all information had to come from the Interior Ministry. Asked the number of Tupamaros who fled, he replied: "I can't answer that."

A police spokesman said the tunnel apparently led to a house near the prison, which had been declared a "military zone" early this year. Reporters and photographers were not allowed near the tunnel or the prison, located about 3 kms. from downtown Montevideo.

Still unknown was the exact number of Tupamaros who fled. But one police source estimated the number at 106. The owner of the house where the tunnel was discovered, Billy Rial, claimed he had heard the Tupamaros say 120 had escaped. He said the backup members outside used portable radios to keep in contact with the Tupamaros inside Punta Carretas.

Police sources said later the entire Montevideo zone had been closed to traffic leading both inside and out. Tupamaros killed U.S. police adviser Dan Mitroic last summer after kidnapping him and another American, agricultural expert Claude Fly, who was released in March after being held 200 days. Still in Tupamaros' hands is Ambassador Geoffrey Jackson of Britain, kidnapped nearly eight months ago.

Police, accompanied by a doctor, raced to the farm where they found bodies lying all over the place. A girl was found in the same room as the baby boy. In an adjoining room were the bodies of one of the women and another girl. The other two girls and one boy were found lying dead in a hallway, and the other two boys were in a room off the house.

The second woman's body was lying in mud about five metres from the front door of the small wooden house.

"It is the worst thing I have ever seen," said detective W. Richter.

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Lis Lene Nielsen, captain of Danish soccer team, lifts trophy after Mexico was beaten 3-0 on Sunday in the second Women's World Cup Soccer tournament at Mexico City. (AP radiophoto)

Dollar gains; U.S. controls 'may continue'

LONDON. — The U.S. dollar gained ground in quiet trading around the world yesterday. It was up in Paris, Zurich, Frankfurt and London. It held steady in Tokyo.

There appeared no special reasons for the gains, a reversal of the form shown generally in the money markets since the dollar crisis exploded in August.

In Washington, Mr. Arnold R. Weber, Director of the Cost of Living Council, says wage and price controls may continue for three or four years in the U.S. after the freeze expires Nov. 13.

He said the Administration is considering possible restraints for use after the 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents expires with the view that "any system of controls would preferably be viewed as temporary."

(AP, UPI)

Japan to back Taiwan on seat in U.N.

TOKYO (UPI). — Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda said yesterday Japan will support United Nations resolutions aimed at preserving the seat of Nationalist China, but may not co-sponsor them.

Mr. Fukuda made the statement at a news conference shortly before leaving Tokyo at the head of a six-man delegation for trade and economics talks with American Cabinet members.

"The question of whether we will be sponsoring country is still to be arranged in the light of the events in the United Nations and the movements within the Liberal-Democratic party," he said.

Mr. Fukuda said much of Japan still views America's new China policy with suspicion. He said the Japanese Government will not make a final decision on its China policy in the United Nations until it discovers the true intentions of the American leadership.

Canadians trail Russian nuclear naval armada

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP). — A Soviet nuclear force that anchored Saturday in the Gulf of Alaska headed out Sunday in a southwesterly direction toward the open sea, a spokesman for the Canadian armed forces said Sunday night.

The spokesman said a Canadian surveillance fleet was following at a distance of about 3.2 kms. Argus patrol aircraft from Comox, on Vancouver Island, flew overhead with U.S. navy patrol planes.

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Hundred drown in E. Pakistan

DACCA (UPI). — At least 100 persons were feared drowned when an inter-district ferry capsized Saturday in a river in Padma, near Jashaldia, about 32 kms. from Dacca, news reports said yesterday.

The ferry Henu was said to be overloaded when it left Dacca. It was nearing its destination, Matabbar, when it sank. A few of the passengers were rescued but at least 100 were missing and feared drowned, the unofficial reports said.

Meanwhile, evacuation of low-lying areas of the north Indian city of Lucknow began yesterday as flood waters from the rain-swollen River Gomti swirled into the centre of the city. A rescue boat capsized during the evacuation and two of the nine people on board were swept away by the floods.

More than 200 people have already died in floods in Uttar Pradesh State, of which Lucknow is the capital, and hundreds more have been drowned in flooded areas of Bihar and West Bengal. Officials estimate that 600,000 people, half of them refugees from East Pakistan, are affected by the floods in the Bongaon area of West Bengal.

Mrs. Gandhi: Ready to meet threat

JAMMU, Kashmir (Reuters). — Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi yesterday told a public meeting at Rajouri, only about 50 kms. from the cease-fire line with Pakistan, that India was prepared to meet any threats against it.

She warned the people to be wary of machinations by Pakistan, which she said was always eager to create uncertainty to divert attention from its own problems.

Mrs. Gandhi is the first Prime Minister to visit the border areas and her three-day stay is seen as designed to bolster confidence in the people at a time of strained relations with Pakistan over events in the east. Her visit began on the sixth anniversary of the outbreak of the 1965 war with Pakistan over the disputed Kashmir territory.

"The country is strong enough to give a fitting reply to whoever ventures to disturb our solidarity," Mrs. Gandhi said.

India could not afford to remain silent in the face of what was happening in East Pakistan. It had become India's affair with the arrival of eight million refugees, Mrs. Gandhi said. She deplored the paucity of international aid when India was spending £1.4m. a day to look after the refugees.

Indian police kill three during riot

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — Three people were killed yesterday when police opened fire on a crowd of about 5,000 attacking them with stones in the town of Nagpur, central India. The Press Trust of India said the police fired after failing to disperse the crowd with tear gas.

It was the second day of disturbances in Nagpur, about 640 kms. south of New Delhi, in protest against police attempts to arrest a Member of Parliament who had called for a strike throughout the town to coincide with the opening of the State Assembly yesterday.

Bomb suitcases

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Arab family had left Bethlehem some years ago, and moved away. The second girl, who came from Peru and who was about the same age, met a man who said he was a young Israeli Arab, an engineer by profession. They toured America and Europe together, and he promised to marry her when they reached Israel.

London, he told her that he was going ahead to Israel to prepare his family to receive her at Lod Airport. She was to follow him on the Jumbo. Before he left, he gave her a medium-size red plastic suitcase, identical with one she herself was carrying.

She flew from London, but not on the Jumbo. The suitcase contained three packages of plastic explosives, two in their original wrappings, and each weighing three kilograms. There were also several batteries and a detonator cap. All were hidden among the clothes in the suitcase.

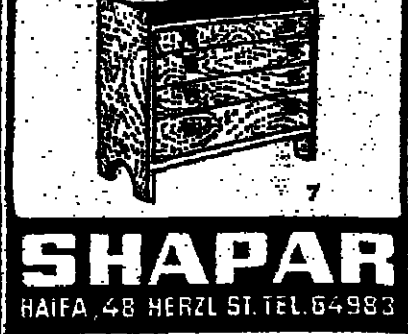
The two police officers said that both sets of explosives were meant to explode when the planes were in the air.

Both police officers parried questions as to who found the explosives, how they were discovered, whether they were found before, during the fight, or upon arrival in Israel, how the explosives were to be activated, the names of the girls (being withheld for their protection) whether they would be charged in court and even whether one of the Arabs was blond.

They did say, however, that both girls were "in police custody, but not under arrest," their governments had been informed of the case, and police in Europe had been asked to search for the two young Arabs.

The security checks were ordered after the International Air Transport Association (IATA) warned airlines to tighten security during the current "anniversary week" of the blowing up of four hijacked airliners on the ground in the Jordanian desert a year ago.

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Negotiators discussing Berlin details

BONN (Reuters). — The second phase of the Berlin talks opened yesterday with negotiators from East and West Germany working out complex transit details to the four-power Berlin agreement signed on Friday.

In Bonn, Chancellor Willy Brandt's chief adviser, State Secretary Egon Bahr, met his East German counterpart, Michael Kohl, to discuss road, rail and waterborne traffic links connecting West Germany and West Berlin, located in the middle of East German territory.

Simultaneously, East German Government officials crossed the Berlin wall for talks with the West Berlin city government on reopening the border for West Berliners.

Chancellor Brandt yesterday told a special session of the City Senate in West Berlin he expected the East Germans to show the interest as the West has in bringing the talks to a positive conclusion so that the complete treaty could come into effect. Brandt, a former mayor of West Berlin, added that the settlement did not change the fact of Germany's division.

"The wall in this city (Berlin) will not be removed, but a first step in this direction has been made," he declared.

Gaddafi-Mafia 'deal' reported

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

A Beirut newspaper yesterday reported that the Libyan regime of Muammer al-Gaddafi was "co-operating" with the Mafia in Italy in hunting down former Libyan leaders who served under the monarchy before it was overthrown two years ago.

The newspaper "Al-Kifah" said the tie between the Libyan government and the Mafia was uncovered by Italian authorities, who were said to be holding three Libyan intelligence officials in custody.

U.K. envoy to Rhodesia for talks

LONDON (Reuters). — Lord Goodman, a leading British legal expert, will fly to Salisbury on September 17 for further exploratory talks with Rhodesian officials, a British Foreign Office spokesman said here yesterday.

The aim of the discussions is to find a basis for negotiations to settle the Rhodesian independence dispute.

Lord Goodman was last in Salisbury in June and July of this year for exploratory talks with Rhodesian officials. He then also met the Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith.

Bomb suitcases

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The girls bought their own tickets. No arrests are expected to be made in Israel, and neither of the girls know Hebrew nor are they Jewish. Newspapers have quoted official sources as saying two other tourists, both men, were being held in connection with the case.

"Tim" reports that El Al has instructed its branches abroad to check the suitcases of all passengers. The company says that its passengers take the extra checks in a good spirit.

Nevertheless, the extra work involved in holding up El Al's schedules. It stressed that no flights have been cancelled and that planes are as full as they usually are this time of year — the eve of Rosh Hashana high season.

News agency reports from London said that 200 Jumbo jet passengers flying by El Al from London to Israel were delayed two hours by the most minute search ever seen at Heathrow Airport. Bags were opened, parcels were untied, shoes were examined — as were fountains, pens. Electronic equipment peered into everybody and everything.

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Foreign Minister Eban greets Liberian Under-Secretary of State Ernest Eastman in Jerusalem yesterday. (Weiss photo)

Liberian was in Cairo

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ed a resolution unfavourable to Israel. The Liberian President's letter was couched in general terms, and Mr. Eastman filled in for Mrs. Meir at their meeting.

President Tolbert's dispatch of a personal representative was seen in Jerusalem as underlining his active interest in the O.A.U. 10-member group, and the team of four African Presidents chosen by the 10 to visit Israel and Egypt: on a fact-finding mission in the beginning of November. Jerusalem welcomes this in view of Liberia's long-standing friendship with Israel.

President Tolbert could not attend the Kinshasa conference because he was in mourning for the late President Tubman. In fact, it was Mr. Eastman who represented him at the meeting. It appears that the Liberian President will attend

future meetings of the 10. According to the O.A.U. decision, the 10 are to meet again in Dakar after the Middle East mission of the four African Presidents.

In her message to President Tolbert, Mrs. Meir came out against the one-sided O.A.U. resolution. She declared that the Africans could play a positive role by working to bring the two Middle East sides to negotiations. Mrs. Meir last week received a reply from President Mobutu of Congo-Kinshasa.

Mr. Eastman yesterday met in Jerusalem with Foreign Minister Eban. Earlier, he met with Mr. Arthur Lourie, the Foreign Ministry's acting Director-General, and last night attended a dinner in the King David Hotel given by Mr. Ya'acov Shimoni, Assistant Director-General of the Foreign Ministry.

It was the second trip outside the country for the TU-144, which appeared at the Paris air show earlier this year and stopped in Czechoslovakia, Poland and East Germany on its way to and from Paris.

The Soviets have predicted they will have the TU-144 on the market ahead of the British-French Concorde, the only other supersonic

transport (SST) now under development.

Tass said the Airline will be demonstrated in Sofia and "following the demonstration, commercial talks with the Bulgarian Balkan Company will be held."

The Soviets have begun production of the plane, but officials said it will not be ready for commercial flight until 1973.

In Rio de Janeiro, the Concorde landed yesterday afternoon on a leg of its first Transatlantic test flight after a three hour, 25-minute flight from Cayenne, French Guiana. (UPI, AP)

We share in the sorrow of our colleague Babette Cerebro on the death of her

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On the second anniversary of the death of our colleague

Professor AMOS DE-SHALIT

a memorial service will be held on Thursday,

Ten shot to death on Australian farm

ADELAIDE Australia (Reuters). — Ten persons, including a mother and her seven children, were shot to death at an isolated farm in a forest near here early yesterday in what police said was the worst mass slaying in Australian history.

Police identified the victims — all shot through the head — as two sisters aged about 40 and four girls aged four, 13, 15 and 17 years and three boys of eight, 10 and 19. The tenth victim was a baby boy only seven months old, who was killed as he lay in his cradle.

Police said they were questioning the 40-year-old husband of the mother of seven.

News of the mass murder reached police in the early hours, in a telephone call from a man who said there had been a shooting at a farmhouse in Hope Forest, 45 kilo-

metres southeast of Adelaide.

Police, accompanied by a doctor, raced to the farm where they found bodies lying all over the place. A girl was found in the same room as the baby boy. In an adjoining room were the bodies of one of the women and another girl. The other two girls and one boy were found lying dead in a hallway, and the other two boys were in a room off the house.

The second woman's body was lying in mud about five metres from the front door of the small wooden house.

"It is the worst thing I have ever seen," said detective W. Richter.

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Dollar gains; U.S. controls 'may continue'

LONDON. — The U.S. dollar gained ground in quiet trading around the world yesterday. It was up in Paris, Zurich, Frankfurt and London. It held steady in Tokyo.

There appeared no special reasons for the gains, a reversal of the form shown generally in the money markets since the dollar crisis exploded in August.

In Washington, Mr. Arnold R. Weber, Director of the Cost of Living Council, says wage and price controls may continue for three or four years in the U.S. after the freeze expires Nov. 13.

He said the Administration is considering possible restraints for use after the 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents expires with the view that "any system of controls would preferably be viewed as temporary."

(AP, UPI)

Japan to back Taiwan on seat in U.N.

TOKYO (UPI). — Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda said yesterday Japan will support United Nations resolutions aimed at preserving the seat of Nationalist China, but may not co-sponsor them.

Mr. Fukuda made the statement at a news conference shortly before leaving Tokyo at the head of a six-man delegation for trade and economics talks with American Cabinet members.

"The question of whether we will be sponsoring country is still to be arranged in the light of the events in the United Nations and the movements within the Liberal-Democratic party," he said.

Mr. Fukuda said much of Japan still views America's new China policy with suspicion. He said the Japanese Government will not make a final decision on its China policy in the United Nations until it discovers the true intentions of the American leadership.

Canadians trail Russian nuclear naval armada

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP). — A Soviet nuclear force that anchored Saturday in the Gulf of Alaska headed out Sunday in a southwesterly direction toward the open sea, a spokesman for the Canadian armed forces said Sunday night.

The spokesman said a Canadian surveillance fleet was following at a distance of about 3.2 kms. Argus patrol aircraft from Comox, on Vancouver Island, flew overhead with U.S. navy patrol planes.

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Nixon pledges U.S. will keep economy open

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — President Nixon yesterday pledged that the U.S. would not build protective walls against honest competition from imports.

In a Labour Day radio speech to the nation, Mr. Nixon appeared to be trying to ease concern overseas that his new international economic policy might be a prelude to a fresh round of protectionism.

"This nation is not going to turn inward," he said. "We are not going to build protective walls to shelter us from honest competition."

"On the contrary, the nation that built its reputation over two centuries for keen competition will compete even more vigorously in the years ahead. By exporting more goods and services, we will create more jobs for our expanding work force."

Concern abroad has arisen chiefly from the temporary 10 per cent import surcharge imposed by Mr. Nixon as part of his overall economic programme announced last month, and which led, *inter alia*, to devaluation of the Israeli pound.

Mr. Nixon's speech was devoted mainly to an appeal for more productivity and new ways to make work more attractive to the American citizen.

How to award damages

In the Supreme Court sitting as Court of Civil Appeals
Before the President (Justice Agranat), Justices Landau and Wilkon.
Masoud Vahnia, Appellant, v. Gazit and Shabam Building Co., Respondents (C.A. 611/70).

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal and a cross-appeal against a judgment of the Beersheba District Court delivered on September 4, 1970 (in C.C. 415/67).

The appellant was awarded compensation of IL20,000 by the Beersheba District Court for loss of future earnings and pain and suffering due to an eye disability caused by windblown building materials on the building site where he was employed by the respondents.

Both he and the respondents appealed against the amount of damages awarded.

Miss L. Weinberg appeared for the appellant and Dr. I. Schechter for the respondent.

Judgment.
Justice Landau, who delivered the first opinion of the Supreme Court, discussed, *inter alia*, the acceptability of fixing a global, overall sum for all the damages without specifying what part of the damages was for the loss of future earnings and what part for pain and suffering — as the District Court had done. The respondents, he said, had objected to this system of awarding damages on the grounds that it prevented them, as well as the Supreme Court, from examining the specific items of damage and he, for his part, agreed with them, and could only reiterate the opinion on the subject that he had already expressed in two previous cases: C.A. 685/66 (P.D. 21/506) and C.A. 629/70.

The District Court, however, continued Justice Landau, had seen fit to award the appellant an overall, round sum, without specifying what sum was awarded under each heading, on the strength of the Supreme Court decision in C.A. 643/69 (P.D. 24/68), in an opinion delivered by Justice Ben-Zur, that it was unnecessary to detail the items of general damages as this opened the way to discussion and bickering over each little particular. He for his part, held Justice Landau, preferred the risk of bickering over every little detail to the risk of allowing the considerations which had moved the court of first instance to award general damages, to be an unknown element. However, as the District Court had relied on a system which had received the stamp of approval from the Supreme Court, he could not disqualify this system and could only hope that the differences of opinion between the Justices of the Supreme Court, which militated against giving a clear lead to the courts of lower instance, would eventually be resolved. Meanwhile he could recommend that the courts of first instance should specify the separate amounts of damages awarded under the different headings, which seemed to him to be the more correct system of awarding damages. In any event, he added, he could see no cause for interfering with the round, overall sum of IL20,000 awarded to the appellant in the present case, as this seemed to be reasonable in the circumstances.

Justice Landau then went on to consider the question of paying interest, pointing out that to his regret the Supreme Court had not adopted a unified attitude on the issue of whether interest should be payable from the day judgment is given or from the day the claim is filed. He, for his part, he held, was of the opinion that interest should be payable from the day the judgment is handed down, whereas the Supreme Court had held, in C.A. 643/69, that it should be paid from the day the action is filed. In the present case, too, he continued, he thought that interest should be payable from the judgment date as this was only right and just in view of the fact that the appellant had already received IL4,000 from the National Insurance Institute on account of the damages awarded him and this sum was sufficient to cover compensation for pain and suffering until the date of judgment, while interest on the loss of future earnings was held by the Supreme Court (in C.A. 387/63, P.D. 17/2780) to be payable from the date of judgment.

The appeal and cross-appeal should, therefore, be dismissed.

The President.
In concurring with Justice Landau, the President agreed with the criticism he had levelled against the

Crisis economy and boom don't mix Making the tax system work

By DR. MOSHE ATER

THERE is a marked discrepancy between the working progress of the Asher Committee on tax reform, and the general mood of the country. Most people expect prices and wages to go on increasing rather rapidly, but the Committee continues its deliberations implicitly assuming monetary stability. One cannot but be impressed by the way its majority sticks to an approach which is likely to make tax recommendations unacceptable to the administration and to the public, or else a turning point in our economy. Hitherto it has been dealing with issues on which it was backed by the Revenue Department (like the Value Added Tax) or by the general public (like the cuts in income tax rates). Its major test is still to come, when it will have to tackle the thorny problem of specific rates and concessions benefiting various pressure groups.

It is therefore of utmost importance to focus public attention on the major issue debated in the Committee. Basically the Committee is concerned with the total burden of taxation — which in this country is absurdly assumed to be static, in contrast to the British usage of including eventual tax changes in the annual budget debate — but with allocating the revenue which must be raised between various sources and income groups, i.e. with

the taxes progressive or flat impact. But underlying that issue is another even more basic one, concerning the efficacy of our fiscal system. It is an open secret that the Asher Committee was appointed because the Revenue Department saw no way of raising the required amounts and warned the government about the progressive deterioration of its operation.

However, the matter is not confined to this narrow fiscal aspect. Since taxes comprise a considerable part of everybody's income, their impact — or lack of it — necessarily affects people's economic behaviour as well as their disposable income. Our present tax system has been so designed as to provide maximum incentives and disincentives in accordance with priorities fixed by the administration, and to redistribute incomes between the rich and the poor. So, at least on paper. But if the system does not work efficiently, these aims cannot be achieved. A precondition of any sensible fiscal policy is obviously that it works.

Bogus incentives

A low tax rate for incentive wages may be an excellent device for improving productivity, provided workers and management are willing to apply it according to the book. But it hardly makes sense in cases where workers insist upon — and get — global premiums dubbed "incentives" but not linked to productivity, or where measurement of output is objected to for some reason. A graduated purchase tax may be an excellent means of taxing luxuries, but hardly so if smuggling is rife or if it does not apply to services. Highly progressive income tax rates should, on the face of it, reduce inequality in after-tax income levels, but there must be something wrong with their operation if all the stories heard about our businesses are true.

Restoring the efficacy of our tax system must be accorded the highest priority in any impending reform. And there is no gainsaying that this can be achieved only by reducing the strain imposed on it, i.e. by simplifying tax collection, and by making tax avoidance and evasion difficult and unrewarding. In practical terms that means that taxes should be imposed on the widest possible basis and at a more or less flat rate, leaving people as little as possible incentive for shifting jobs or consumption or income in order to reduce or escape the tax incidence. Moreover, the tax rate applied must be low enough to make it bearable without popular opposition. The present system's glaring discriminations and slovenly operation have corrupted tax morale to such an extent that a special effort is required to repair it.

A universal, flat and low-rate tax system working efficiently will both provide more revenue and better help to achieve our economic and social goals than the present one.

The issue is commonly associated with that of milking the rich or allowing them to amass fortunes. However, that is a distorted view. In Israel the rich are not a tiny minority separated by a gulf from the exploited mass of the people. Though the ratio of top to bottom

decibel incomes is now close to 20, these extremes are linked by a scale of intermediate incomes earned by people belonging to various groups of our low and middle classes. It is because thousands of shopkeepers, craftsmen, tradesmen, building sub-contractors, operators of heavy equipment, bus drivers and professional people earn as much as they do, that the rich can earn still more. And it is only because disparity between wage incomes is growing that traders, craftsmen and professionals can obtain the extra high incomes they do. In 1968 wage per work-hour in the top-earning industries was twice as much as in the lowest group. In 1970 the ratio was 2.5. The ratio of monthly wage incomes increased from 2.1 to 2.7 in the same period. But these are average figures, and there is no doubt that the range of actual wages has widened much more than that, in particular if the fringe benefits are duly taken into account. Neither is there a doubt that this rapid widening of the wage disparity has been partly caused by the high incidence of income tax. The progressive tax rates, intended to reduce the disparity of net incomes, have, thus resulted in growing disparity of gross wage incomes. There can hardly be a better example of a tax system's varying impact of the gap between fiscal theory and practice.

Once the priority of sound practice over pretentious theory is acknowledged, the necessity of a comprehensive reform becomes evident. Admittedly, such a realistic approach, requiring a cut in the tax rates as a precondition to broadening the effective tax base, runs counter to the official ideology which makes great fuss about our national emergency.

Fiscal reform needed

But the real clash in this respect is not over taxes. It concerns the attempted combination of a pretended emergency regime with actual boom and rising living standards. Fiscal reform is required to trim the boom by making the tax lever — in whatever form — an effective instrument for reducing excess purchasing power.

The introduction of a substantial, flat and universal Value Added Tax is a first step to that end. It will doubtless run into many snags, and will not function smoothly in the initial period, but it will remove three major defects of the present fiscal system: the revenue's dependence on an excessively progressive income tax, its dependence on a narrowly based, highly graduated purchase tax, and the necessity to maintain special export incentives. The VAT will shift part of the tax burden from the consumer (making it more easily collectable), will spread it evenly over the entire economic activity (so that the tax rate can be kept low), and will offer exporters an automatic premium (because VAT is refunded on commodities and services sold abroad).

About the necessity of the second step — the income tax reform — there is no need to enlarge on it. But one has to bear in mind that it must include much more than a cut in the personal tax rate. The current taxation of

companies and dividends is also untenable. It makes ordinary companies disinterested in achieving profitability, and is in fact only maintained by a number of official devices introduced for the purpose of circumventing it, such as the five-year tax ceiling for "approved enterprises," the tax ceiling for dividends of companies quoted at the Tel Aviv stock exchange and the preferential treatment of "productive" companies. Obviously the sooner an end is put to this maze — which involves also a huge amount of red tape — the better for our economic efficiency.

Some developments which have been an outgrowth of the present system must also be eradicated. These include the various special rates (for sailors, airman, municipal workers, overtime, incentive wages, border settlements, etc.), introduced to circumvent the excessive of fiscal rates of personal tax, and the limits imposed on business expenses which have been inflated as a reaction to heavy personal and corporate taxes. On the other hand, many loopholes tolerated to date can be plugged when fair tax collection becomes manageable. An end can be put to assessment of taxable income based on arbitrary branch averages. Bookkeeping — at least in simplified form — can be made compulsory for most traders.

The big question is, however, how the economy will react to such a reform. The VAT will, of course, raise the price level, and will affect prices unevenly, because current prices had been set on the basis of present taxation — or lack of it. The abolition of special tax rates will alter the real wages of many groups of workers. The reduction of corporate taxation must make companies more cost conscious and thus affect the management's behaviour in many respects. As a result price and wage patterns may change considerably — should indeed be expected to change — in order to readjust to the new, sounder, fiscal system. But such a far-reaching readjustment requires proper spadework, public discussion, administrative planning, and — first and foremost — a clear definition of aims. And for the time being there is little to be felt of all this.

Gaza thinning out operations halted

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — The thinning-out operations in the Gaza Strip refugee camps have been halted because of a temporary shortage of alternative housing for the evacuees, it was learned here yesterday. The operation — including the construction of security roads — will continue next spring.

One major benefit of the thinning operations has been its effectiveness in helping control terrorism. Since the road-clearing operations started last July, 36 terrorists have been killed, 47 captured, and eight arms caches discovered.

Murders and acts of sabotage are at the lowest point in three years.

Another salutary effect of the programme has been the spurt in private initiative on the part of refugees. Many camp residents, given the option by the authorities of

ready-made housing in el-Arish and other places outside the Gaza Strip — or making their own arrangements — have started building their own homes, producing title deeds for land they had purchased during the Egyptian occupation. The going price then was an average 50 Egyptian pounds per dunam.

It has been established that a considerable proportion of the refugees in the Gaza Strip own land, houses, shops or taxis. One man, in the Jabalya camp, recently built himself a six-room house with running hot and cold water, at a cost of IL97,000. He explained he was a master builder by trade and had worked in Israel for the past three years to earn the money.

The building in the Gaza Strip has triggered a price rise: colicade blocks have gone up in price from IL5 per hundred to IL14, building workers in the Strip now demand — and get — IL15 a day.

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In the sense of the Order, a parcel and haulage service is any establishment where parcels and other goods are transported for payment or other compensation in commercial vehicles or lorries whose total licensed weight is in excess of 10,000 kg.

Applications for said permit should be submitted to the Controller of Road Transport on the forms which are obtainable at these offices:

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THE JEWISH AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND ABSORPTION

Allende consolidates leftist regime

The best fixer in Chile

By LAURENCE WHITEHEAD

SANTIAGO (Ones). — "NOBODY can deny that I am the best fixer in Chile," President Salvador Allende said the other day. Though he meant it in a narrower context, his boast is backed by an impressive record since his socialist and Communist-supported Government was elected last September.

The American-owned copper companies have been nationalized and the State has taken control of 19 banks and about 200 major industrial enterprises. Wages and salaries have been raised over 80 per cent, while a drastic system of price controls slashed the rate of inflation in the first seven months of the year to 11 per cent compared with 28 per cent in the same period of the previous year. These price controls have been effective for two reasons — the enlarged State sector has naturally obeyed the order to peg prices and the remaining private firms have been told that if they raise prices they will be denounced by the workers and taken over.

The process of land reform has been enormously accelerated and leading Ministers now speak of expropriating all large estates by the end of 1972. A minor cultural revolution has been initiated, with Government sponsorship of protest songs, folk music, anti-imperialist children's comics and the teaching of a "new arithmetic" in primary schools which asks questions like: How much profit does a landowner make if he pays his labourers the minimum wage and sells his produce in a supermarket?

Almost all these changes have taken place within the legal system, and Allende shows every intention of maintaining a free — and often vitriolically hostile — press, free elections and all the necessary guarantees for his opponents. As a result, a great deal of his energy has been taken up in tactical manoeuvres to conciliate the various factions in his alliance and to win over dissidents from the centrist Christian Democrat Party. It was his recent successes on this front that prompted him to declare himself the best fixer in Chile.

The campaign to consolidate his regime has been marked by four turning points, two of them political assassinations and two of them election results.

Public rallies round

Last November right-wing terrorists assassinated the commander-in-chief of the Army, General René Schneider, because of his determination to respect the election of Allende. This raised public opinion around the new President and contributed to the success of his coalition in the April municipal elections. Then in June, left-wing extremists assassinated the former Christian Democrat Minister of the Interior, Edmundo Pérez Zúñiga. In reaction, the largest opposition party adopted a much tougher stand against the Government and united with the right-wing National Party to put up a single anti-Government candidate in a crucial by-election. The Government candidate was narrowly defeated, and at first sight this by-election result seemed a serious crisis inside the Christian Democrat Party, offering Allende the chance to broaden his coalition and dilute even further the influence of his intrinsically.

A substantial group has broken away from the Christian Democrats in protest against the alliance with the Right, and has formed the Movement of the Christian Left (MRC). They have carried with them seven deputies from the Christian Democrat Party, and have been joined by three more left-wing Christian deputies and by Allende's Minister of Agriculture, Jacques Chonchol.



The Government still lacks a Congressional majority, despite these reinforcements, but the balance is now much more equal and it will be harder for Allende's opponents to continue blocking his initiatives, particularly since there is a possibility that more defections may follow.

Most of the Christian Democrat Party have rallied around ex-President Frei, who favours the current right-wing orientation of the Party.

But there is another wing of the Party more favourable to the Government. The leader of this tendency is Radomiro Tomic, the Party's defeated candidate in last year's Presidential election. Tomic hopes for a grand alliance of the Left plus the Christian Democrats, on the West German model, which would put him in the ascendant over Frei. But Allende prefers to split the Christian Democrat Party rather than try to swallow it whole, and so far he has succeeded in winning over key members of Tomic's campaign team, and three of his nine children. In due course Tomic is likely to find his position within the Party so weakened that he, too, may be tempted to pass over to the Government.

Coalition troubles

However, skill at parliamentary tactics will not be sufficient to solve all Allende's problems. For one thing, although the MRC may enable him to extend his popular base, they are also likely to intensify the internal problems of his coalition. It has been hard enough to reconcile six different parties, only three of which consider themselves Marxist. Now Allende will have to mediate between eight (in addition to the MRC, the pro-Government Radical Party has now split). Understandably, Allende is contemplating the creation of a few extra Ministries to help cement the alliance. There is also a more fundamental problem which cannot be postponed indefinitely. So far the Government has sought to broaden its popular support by redistributive measures, but little has been taken away from the rich. Some of the largesse has been generated by fuller use of industrial capacity, but there has also been a running down of stocks and foreign exchange reserves and considerable capital flight. The Government is determined to continue honouring the heavy foreign obligations it inherited, but it can expect little new private investment. Eximbank has just refused Chile a loan on grounds of thinly-disguised political prejudice. Export prospects are not very good. Thus, a moment is approaching when the Government will have to broaden its political base only to find nearly all its economic options foreclosed. This will define the real direction of the Chilean road to socialism.

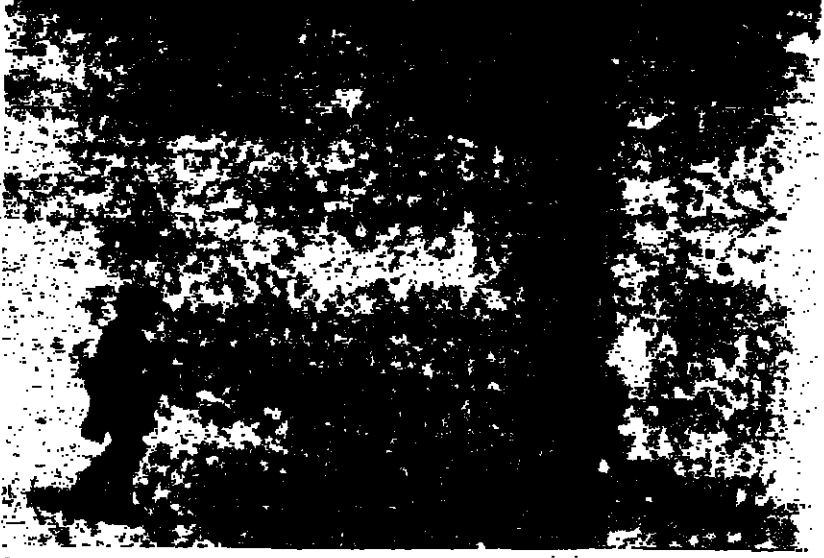
Riad named to lead Egypt's U.N. delegation

CAIRO (UPI). — Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad will head Egypt's delegation at the opening this month of the U.N. General Assembly meeting, the semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday.

Cairo last week denied Beirut news reports President Sadat would head his country's delegation.



A man who was shot in the legs after he tried to escape by making a dash towards the Berlin Wall on Sunday is seen being dragged back by an East German border guard.



Winners of the 100-metre hurdle event at the International Track and Field meeting in Munich on Sunday were (left to right) Danuta Strazynska, 1st (Poland), Teresa Novak, 2nd (Poland) and Esther Shamorov, 3rd (Israel). Below, action in the 800-metres at the meeting shows (left to right), Gerda Ranz-Klopper (Germany), Christa Merten (Germany) and Israeli runner Hanna Shezli.



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Long swim to study

By BOLAND DALLAS HONGKONG (Reuters). — The number of Chinese "freedom swimmers" seeking refuge in Hongkong has jumped sharply this year, reliable sources said.

In 1970, about 1,200 youths and teenage girls swam across Deep Bay from China to this British crown colony but the figure for this year up to the end of August has risen to over 1,800, the sources said.

Another month and a half of the so-called "swimming season" remains before the 9.6-km. swim becomes too cold.

Most of the swimmers make their way by night in China's Kwangtung Province along little-used paths and gullies with the aid of contacts along the way.

When they reach Deep Bay, they have to slip past several regiments of the People's Liberation Army, their guard dogs and barbed wire as well as patrol boats operating in the bay towing armed sampans. Many are caught.

Many of the swimmers are former "Red Guards" who were sent to the countryside following the great proletarian cultural revolution — some as "undesirable elements."

Many say their principal aim in life is to obtain higher education and they had no chance in China.

Chinese universities, closed down during the Cultural Revolution, were recently reopened — but their admission standards were drastically changed.

Instead of conventional examinations in specialised subjects the new applicants must produce evidence of a good political record and recommendations from their comrades that they are loyal workers and representative of the masses.

Many of the students sent down to the farms resent wading through rice paddies, feeding pigs and reclaiming barren land and in turn are disliked by the Chinese peasants, who regard them as "city slickers."

These youths do not win recommendations from party officials. Instead, they try to go to the Canton swimming pool and swim length after length in training for Deep Bay.

10,000 in camp

One recent arrival here described the regimen at a Canton tea plantation with a labour force of about 10,000 youths of both sexes.

He was closely supervised by Communist party cadres at all times and could only leave his military-style "company area" with permission.

Reveille was at 5.30 a.m. with physical training at 6 and breakfast at 6.30. This was followed at 7 a.m. with half an hour of political study before work, which lasted until lunch at 11.30.

There was a two-hour siesta from 12 noon until 2 p.m. followed by four more hours in the fields, supper, and then either a political meeting or overtime until lights out at 10 p.m.

The youths who arrive in Hongkong do not criticise Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung or Premier Chou En-lai, reliable sources say. They appear to be convinced Communists.

But they are bitter about their failure to obtain university education in China and resent the local authorities who sent them down to the communes and plantations.

Hongkong government authorities do not appear to be concerned about the influx of swimmers, particularly of convinced Communist youths.

Once they have arrived here, the young Chinese swiftly disappear into Hongkong's busy melting pot — some to universities and higher studies, some to the race course or the "girls bars" of Wanchai, and others to their families here.

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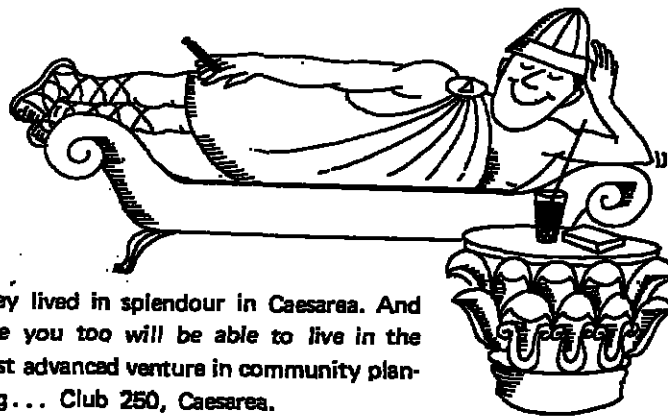
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Elyakim at 20

The village that just refuses to disappear

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ELYAKIM — No celebrations marked the 20th anniversary this week of the settlement by Yemenite immigrants of this hill village near Yokneam. In fact the village, now numbering 80 closely-knit families of 900 souls, exists *de facto* rather than *de jure* as one authority after another has washed its hands of it. Agriculture did not succeed in the area, because the land is full of lime and the population has been living on whatever employment they can find for themselves.

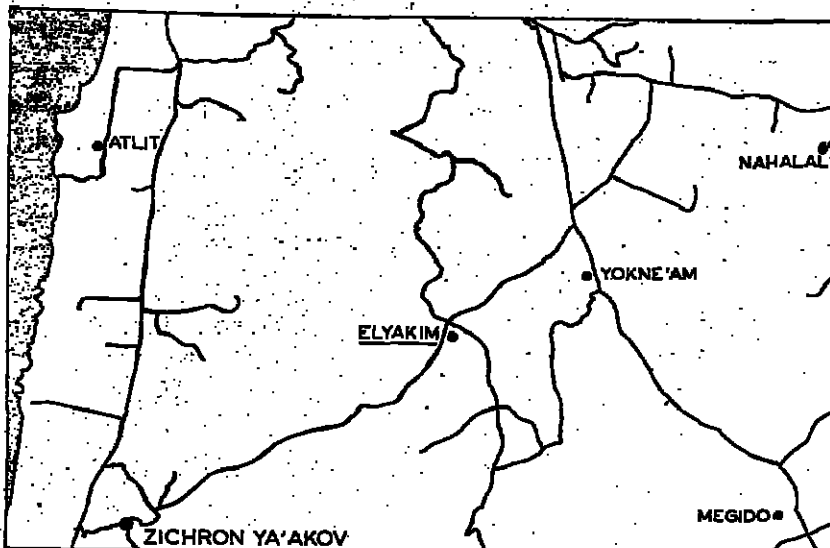
Unlike the situation in other underdeveloped settlements, the young generation of men returning from army service are not leaving, and have taken to occupying "every empty building" from the disused dairy to the houses once earmarked for teachers and farming instructors, who have long since given up the pretence that Elyakim is a farming community.

The trouble started a few years after the settlers were starting to straighten their backs again after months of digging up rocks to prepare the lands allocated to them for farming. The roots of their orchards penetrated into a strata of lime and the trees died. The place went down hill.

The village agriculture cooperative fell into disuse, and the Tnuat Hamoshavim Movement quickly withdrew its patronage. The Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, like its instructors, faded away, and the Interior Ministry kept away on the grounds that there was no village committee to deal with.

Internal clan politics did little to revive the committee, and during the past few years the villagers have been falling back on welfare allotments (more than half get some kind of aid from the Megiddo District Council). There are National Insurance old age pensions for those who have grown old, and modest wages for most of the rest as hired hands in neighbouring villages and kibbutzim, with some in better-paying jobs in industrial plants or as shopkeepers in Haifa.

The Elyakim villagers make do on very little, but for most of them it was impossible to raise the money



to keep their houses in good repair or add rooms for the ever-growing families. Some time ago the Jewish Agency proposed that 40 families move away, and that the remaining 40 would be rehabilitated as farmers on the remaining lands, but the offer was indignantly rejected. "We do not want to leave Elyakim," is the recurring theme.

"This is where we invested the best years of our lives and used up our strength, and we don't want to make a new start now," is what the older people told me, as I met several of them sitting in the shade of the banyan tree, doing nothing.

"We don't want to move away from our parents," the new generation said, including a soldier who is about to be demobilized and "determined to come back home to live near my parents."

There are no roads, no street lighting, no clubroom for the many children who run wild in the wood their parents planted 20 years ago, but nobody wants to leave. The State Religious school is the one bright spot in the village, and the Religious Affairs Ministry the only one that remembers Elyakim. It is now completing the first new building in a decade there, a new and larger mikveh ritual bath, but has not yet got round to building one

good synagogue to replace the five or six huts used as prayer houses by the various clans. A scheme to transfer their homes to the Amidar company was brushed off by the villagers, who claim that after 20 years "the houses belong to us."

The Chairman of the Megiddo Council, Dov Selinger, admires the villagers for their determination to keep their homes and families together, despite the fact that they are a heavy burden to the Council's welfare budget. "They are a hard-working, quiet community, satisfied with very little. But just because they don't demonstrate and raise their voices does not mean that something should not be done to help them," he said.

A new committee of younger men was recently elected and has already appealed to Premier Golda Meir. Mr. Selinger justifies their demand to be allowed to stay in Elyakim. "They are entitled to municipal services like lighted roads, a clubroom and a decent store. The trouble is who will give it to them. The Government departments formally are not responsible. I do not believe that it is possible to force them to leave Elyakim, and real, unconventional action is urgently needed to improve the village and find them a new source of employment."

High Court blasts Transport Min. over taxi licence

The High Court on Sunday blasted the Transport Ministry for "negligence and inefficiency in connection with the issue of taxi licences."

The High Court made absolute an order nisi barring the Ministry from cancelling the taxi licence of a driver, Mr. Yaakov Pressmo, two years after its issue. The Ministry attempted to do this, on the grounds that Pressmo submitted incorrect details on his application.

It was the Transport Ministry's inefficiency and negligence which made it possible for applicants to submit incomplete particulars, the High Court said. Thus, when drivers got their licences improperly, the fault was not theirs alone, but to a great extent due to the Ministry's disorganised handling. It took two years from the time that Mr. Pressmo's incomplete particulars came to light, to the time the Ministry decided to cancel his licence. In that period, it took one year before the Ministry reminded the Police to notify it of the results of its inquiry into the matter.

(The regulations governing the issue of taxi licences have meanwhile been considerably changed.)

'Beautiful Israel' group in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — A branch of the Council for the Beautification of Israel — for Haifa and the north — was set up here last week.

A temporary executive was chosen for one year, with former District Representative Ya'acov Bergman as chairman, and a programme adopted to improve the town's appearance through action by committees.

The foundation meeting was addressed by the Council's chairman, Mrs. Ora Herzog, who stressed that the Council, set up by the Knesset Committee for Interior Affairs, consisted of volunteers and was a non-political, independent body, dedicated to preserving sites of historic, religious, aesthetic, and natural interest.

Regarding Haifa, the Council would aim at developing the unique assets and the "individuality" of the town, and stirring the concern of the young generation for the beauty of their environment.

Amsterdam's Hippie park closed for the winter

By H. BOAS

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ON September 1, the Amsterdam "Vondelpark Project," which for three months was a magnet for hippies from all over the world, came officially to a close.

With the end of the summer holiday season, the Amsterdam Municipality closed down facilities which it had maintained for hippies who preferred sleeping free of charge in the open air to a hotel or youth hostel. These facilities included washrooms, a luggage depot, a first aid station and an information centre in a former domestic science school bordering the park, the so-called "Studio Seven" club and cafeteria, which the police had raided only a few days before in search of drugs.

The approach of autumn had already reduced the number of Vondelpark sleepers, but on Sept. 1, 300 young people were counted as sleeping in the park. The lack of special facilities will probably soon diminish their numbers still further. During the "high season" as many as 1,500 slept in the park each night.

Three days after the opening of the Vondelpark as a "sleep-in" for hippies last June, the area began to be raided by foreign workers from Mediterranean countries who live in large houses, several to a room, around the Vondelpark, which had until then been their own special territory. Every night some 30 Vondelpark sleepers reported to the police that they had been robbed.

10 per cent criminal

It is estimated that eighty per cent of all Vondelpark sleepers were regular, well-intentioned hippies, and that another ten per cent were marginally criminal, and ten per cent criminal, including professional dealers in hard drugs. However, together they managed to make life in the Vondelpark far from idyllic.

Yet, the general scene, for a long time, seemed peaceful enough. It seemed even more peaceful when all of a sudden many of the sleeping bags were replaced by small gaily decorated tents.

Many of the "Vondelpark-sleepers" discovered that, however romantic it may be to sleep under the stars, it was more comfortable to be separated from the stars by a tent. Soon gaily coloured tents sprang up all around the big pond in the park, tents which the often barefoot and tattered looking hip-

pies had apparently been able to buy. Open-air camping in Holland is allowed only in grounds which have been officially marked as such; moreover, the campers have to pay a fee for permission to pitch their tent. In the Vondelpark, however, everything was allowed and free, at least for two or three weeks. Then the number of tents increased to such an extent that the police ordered all of them removed.

On Aug. 27, some 20 policemen and women of the Drugs Department in the Amsterdam police raided the Municipality-sponsored Vondelpark club, and started searching some 100 youths present for drugs. Several kg. of hashish were seized — though many of the youths managed to throw the drugs in their possession away in the surrounding shrubs. Also found were a number of stolen passports, as well as firearms. Twenty-five persons were arrested, of whom, however, only three were not released after a very few hours.

This followed complaints of continuously increasing trade in drugs in the Vondelpark as well as a growing number of complaints from young people whose passports or money had been stolen while they slept in the park.

The staff of the "Vondelpark Project" strongly protested to the Mayor of Amsterdam and to the Amsterdam police against the "brutal" action of the police, who invaded the club premises and used what was said to be unnecessary force. The leader of the project, Mr. Piet Riemens, charged the police with breaking the agreement of "mutual loyalty," according to Mr. Riemens the police had originally agreed to an "open attitude" whereby they would not act against the possession of, or trade in, "soft drugs," while the "Studio Seven" staff would report "hard drugs" to the police.

A "Save the Vondelpark" group has been formed, of angry citizens who want to prevent the Vondelpark's being used in the same manner next summer.

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HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Mr. Abraham Kreiser, marketing, import and sales manager of the Assia Pharmaceutical Company, has been appointed to head the Hebrew University's School of Pharmacy. He succeeds Prof. Natan Nissan Back.

Mr. Kreiser, 47, was at school in Tel Aviv, served in the U.S. Navy during the war and later went on to study pharmacy, business administration and Hebrew literature at the University. Mr. Kreiser returned to Israel, together with his wife and two daughters, one year ago.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

Tel Aviv University Rector Prof. Andre de Vries has announced that he will not seek another term as Rector when his current term expires in January. He wishes to devote more time to his medical practice.

Readers' letters

Improper loading of trucks

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The photograph of the truck surrounded by rolls of paper which had spilled off (August 29) well illustrates one of the serious hazards common to Israel highways. It was fortunate that no loss of life or property took place. Some months ago, a similar accident tossed rolls of steel cable on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway with much damage and injury.

Three years of driving on Israeli roads and highways have led me to the conclusion that either no laws, standards or regulations exist to govern the loading of trucks, or, if they do exist, they are not enforced.

I would like to point out but a few examples:

1. Trucks carrying high-density material such as lumber, bags of grain, cement, etc. are packed to heights of three metres or more above the truck bed. The forces acting to upset such overloading are

beyond the margin of safety.

2. Often the only restraining device are one or two rope or steel cables going sideways over the load. These symbolic restraints are most ineffectual as the load can easily shift under the centrifugal forces present so as to topple the load with the cables still fastened to the sides of the truck.

3. The width of the load, which conforms to the width of the truck bed, continues to broaden as the truck is loaded so that high-density loads project over the sides of the truck. This is a hazard not

only to the stability of the truck, but also to other vehicles.

4. Loose grain, gravel or sand are carried in trucks to heights above the restraining walls of the truck bed. A network of sticks lined with canvas becomes the restraining wall. A trail of material follows the truck and a sudden turn or stop can snap the sticks and send the contents flowing onto the road.

5. Trucks are overloaded with compost or manure without any canvas cover, so that a trail of refuse follows behind.

Haifa, August 29.

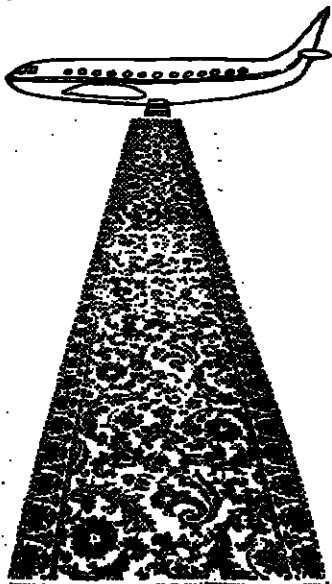
INSIGNIA COLLECTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a collector of insignia, I am most eager to obtain a cap badge of the Palestine Regiment worn by members of the Jewish Brigade attached to the British Army during the last war. I have tried, without success, a number of sources, and therefore wonder if any ex-member has a badge of the said unit for which they no longer have any use.

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Settlement seen for two 'problem' schools

Jerusalem Post Staff

Studies began yesterday at the Shikun Dan school in Tel Aviv and were due to start today for the children of Beit Hayeled in Jerusalem — among the last schools not yet opened since the school year began, nearly a week ago.

At Shikun Dan, only junior high school pupils were let in, however. Parents of primary school children in the neighbourhood picketing the gates let them through.

First through fourth graders are still at home to back parents' demands that they not be sent to more distant schools.

The school, which for years had served as the neighbourhood's elementary school, was turned into a junior high school this year. Elementary school children were sent to schools in nearby Ramat Hayahel and Yisgav.

After parents' insistence that the younger children stay near home, it was agreed to let first through third graders study in a wooden hut situated in the school yard. Now the parents demand that fourth graders be included in the deal.

The parents now plan to call a press conference for tomorrow morning in which they will attack the city "for going back on its promise to leave room for pupils of the first four grades in Shikun Dan itself." The parents stress that they have nothing against the reform itself and welcome the establishment

of a junior high school in their area.

In Jerusalem, 600 pupils from Beit Hayeled are to begin studies today at the Cremlux (Alliance) School in Rehov Masaryk in the German Colony.

Mayor Kollek told the parents' committee yesterday that studies will resume at Beit Hayeled on October 15. Though renovations will by no means be completed, the children will be able to enter the grounds with safety.

Children will be bused to their temporary schools from Beit Hayeled at 8 a.m.

Mr. Kollek yesterday declined to retract the executive he directed Sunday night at one of the parents, an economics lecturer from the Hebrew University, who hinted that he would suffer at the next election if a satisfactory solution to the Beit Hayeled problem were not found.

According to "Ma'ariv," Mr. Kollek told Dr. Yoel Hayatovsky: "Kiss my arse." (The Mayor told the radio last night that he would react the same way if similarly provoked in the future.)

High Court to hear first challenge to Jerusalem Master Plan

By DAVID LLENNON

The High Court yesterday issued an order nisi calling on the Jerusalem Municipality's Engineering Department to show cause why it should not give a building outline (the first permit required before building planning can commence) for a six-dunam plot beside the Rasco suburb in the city.

The appellants, the contractors Hefesha and Mr. Mordechai Yona, through their lawyer Shraga Eran, stated that they bought land after they had received a certificate from the City Engineer which stated that there were no objections to building on the plot. However, when, 18 months ago, they asked the Municipality to provide them with a building outline stating how much of the plot could be built up, the city engineer refused to do so. He explained that under the Master Plan for city roads a viaduct is due to be built over the site in 1985. This viaduct will link the Rasco suburb with Beit Yegor, passing over Sderot Herzog.

The Judge gave the Municipality 30 days to explain why it should not grant the appellants a building outline.

Ein Karem wants to stay pastoral

Jerusalem Post Staff

Residents of Ein Karem have petitioned Mayor Teddy Kollek to forestall any plans that might change the character of the Jerusalem mountainside village.

Shlomo Aaronson, an architect who lives in Ein Karem, yesterday filed a petition with the Municipality, stating that the village has been built in the community during the next two years. "The only way of doing this is by parceling one of the hills and creating another 'Givat Hamiv'ar,' an allusion to the crowded 'villa' development in northeast Jerusalem.

The 273 petitioners, representing a majority of the village residents, also expressed their opposition to widening the road passing through Ein Karem into an inter-urban highway.

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Sony tape-recorders are among the goods which have overflowed with the customs officials strike into the outdoor sheds at the Lod Airport Custom House.

Customs strike still on but has 'little impact'

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Despite Finance Minister Sapir's appeal at a late-night meeting on Sunday, the customs men continued their strike yesterday, but it was only partial, since both Haifa and Eilat ports continued to operate.

According to Treasury sources, the strike has lost what impact it possessed, now that Lod Airport is shut down anyway by the civil aviation walkout, whereas cargo ships avoid Ashdod owing to the dock foremen's go-slow strike.

Mr. Sapir tabled a series of proposals at Sunday's meeting: that a bipartite committee — one side representing the Government and the Civil Servants Union, the other the customs employees — conduct negotiations and report back within three days; and that, if no agreement is reached, the matter be referred to arbitration, again on a bipartite basis (by Mr. Uriel Abramovitch, head of the Histadrut's Trade Union Department, and Mr. Yacov Nitzan, the Civil Service Commissioner). All this, the Minister added, provided the strike is suspended.

The National Works Committee accepted the bipartite negotiations, but rejected the arbitration procedures, and refused to stop striking.

Mr. Sapir then broke off talks, and resumed them with the Haifa committee only, who agreed to his proposals in their entirety. The negotiating committee has been set up, and held a lengthy meeting yesterday — but only the Haifa committee was represented on the workers' side (a representative from Eilat will be co-opted today). Members for the other side are Mr. Yehzekel Abulafia, Assistant Director-General of the Treasury, and Mr. Haim Cohen, Secretary of the Civil Servants' Union. Chairman of the committee is Mr. David Peled, Director of Customs.

It is understood that both in

the Ministry of Communications doesn't intend to pay the Jerusalem postal delivery men the daily IL3 for "special effort" which is a part of their salary, because they are refusing to deliver registered mail.

The postmen are finishing their rounds between 11 and 12 in the morning instead of at 3 p.m. Ministry officials reported yesterday. Because of this the Ministry is insisting that they return to the Givat Shaul sorting centre at the end of the shift. It was this demand which made the postmen impose the sanction of not handling registered mail. Now they have even refused to return to the Jaffa Road post office at the end of the shift, as a further sanction.

It is also learned that the postmen have proposed to the administration that the Ministry drop its demands, and the workers will stop their sanctions, until after the High Holidays. There might be some connection between this offer and the fact that postmen usually receive gifts from the households on their rounds over the holidays.

Workers demand C-o-L payment as of July

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Workers' committees in Jerusalem yesterday called upon the Government to pay the Cost-of-Living allowance increment from July this year, instead of waiting till next January. The call was issued by an emergency meeting of 300 members of workers' committees in the city, organized by the Jerusalem Labour Council.

Speakers expressed their vigorous opposition to the Treasury proposal to exclude the five per cent price rise stemming from the devaluation from the C-o-L payment in January. They also called upon the Government to tighten price controls and declared that the workers won't be able to tolerate the further price increase which can be expected over the coming High Holidays. A demand to lower the price of meat and to a permanent price was also put forward.

The meeting also proposed that a national meeting of representatives of workers' committees be held to discuss the price increases and to demand that the C-o-L payment be made from July this year and not January 1972.

Mr. Efraim Dovrat, an adviser to the Minister of Finance, told the meeting that the devaluation would boost the earnings from Israel's exports by 25 per cent.

THE WORLD PRESIDENT Variety, Mr. Sherrill Corwin, yesterday gave an ambulance donated by the club to the Shafar Menashe home for retarded children. There are 400 children in the institution at present.

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23 road dead in 2 weeks

Road accidents claimed 23 lives in the past two weeks, the Road Safety Council announces. Another 291 people were seriously injured, over 100 of them pedestrians.

In all, 426 people have been killed on the roads since the beginning of the year and another 2,511 injured. This compares to 351 killed and 1,995 injured in the same period of 1970.

'Ideological' draft dodger now in military jail

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the four youths who last month sent a letter to the Minister of Defence announcing their refusal to be drafted on ideological grounds is now serving a three-week sentence in a military jail for failing to report for service. He was arrested by police in Jerusalem this week and turned over to military police.

The youth, Reuven Lassman, 18, was given a military trial a few hours after being picked up on Sunday. He was due to report to the army three weeks earlier. After completing his sentence, he is to begin basic training.

Lassman, who moved to a different address since signing the letter, was picked up at his place of work.

Another one of the letter's signatories reported to the army two weeks ago on the date he was due to be mobilized. The other two signatories are not due to report for duty for another few months.

TRIPLTS BORN IN JERUSALEM

Triplets were born in Jerusalem yesterday. Mother, two sons and a daughter are all reported to be doing well at Bikur Holim Hospital. The boys weigh 1.5 and 1.6 kilos respectively, while the girl weighs 1.7 kg.

The mother has two other children at home. Her husband is a yeshiva student.

Drunk kills grocer, sister in Galilee village

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE. — Ba'anah, a predominantly Moslem village in Western Galilee, was tense yesterday after two victims of an impulsive murder — a grocer and his teen-aged sister, were laid to rest. Most of the villagers, about 2,000 persons, attended the funeral. Only the family of the suspected murderer was conspicuously absent.

A'ataf Jerais, 35, was in his shop on Sunday afternoon when Nabil Ibrahim Khoury, 22, son of the village mukhtar, came in. According to eye-witnesses, he was completely drunk and swaying, and he asked for several bottles of arak. The shopkeeper refused and told him that if the mukhtar wanted more arak for the ongoing wedding celebration of two of his sons he should send someone else. Khoury reportedly pulled out a revolver and shot Jerais several times from a distance of two metres.

SISTER SHOT

Hearing the shots, Nadia Jerais, 16, sister of the grocer, rushed in, seeing her brother lying on the floor, she bent over him to help. Nabil reportedly shot her too from close range. The two died soon after admission to Nabariya Government Hospital. Despite the desperate efforts of surgeons, the grocer is survived by three small children; his widow is expecting her fourth child this month.

Nabil was arrested on the spot. Notables from all over the Galilee poured into Ba'anah yesterday.

More Gaza students cross to Egypt

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KANTARA. — Another 187 Gaza Strip students crossed to Egypt yesterday under the auspices of the Red Cross to study at Egyptian universities. This brings the total number of students who have crossed this summer to 739, with another 180 waiting their turn.

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Sapir: Incentives for exports now higher

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir yesterday told 200 members of the Export Institute "to stop crying about the recent devaluation. You are getting a higher export incentive than before."

Exports are constantly rising, he said, and "this is not because any one of you loves Sapir, but because business is good."

Direct exports were rising by about 25 per cent a year, Mr. Sapir said. In 1971, they should reach \$850m. to \$880m.; and in 1972 \$1,000m.

Exports were rising, he said, because the Government was doing everything in its power to increase them, as the higher export incentive following the recent devaluation showed.

One of the members shouted that

Exports fell in August

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Exports in August fell by 15 per cent compared to July's outstanding figure of \$68m. The August figure of \$58m. was a far greater decline than expected, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. In August last year exports totalled \$48m.

However, over the first eight months of the year, exports rose by 23 per cent compared to the same period last year and totalled \$617m.

Industrial exports in the January-August period, excluding diamonds, totalled \$308m., nine per cent more than last year. Diamond exports have grown by 26 per cent in the same period to reach \$164m. Agricultural exports, including citrus, totalled \$118m. — a 24 per cent increase over the first eight months of 1970. Citrus exports actually registered a 34 per cent growth to reach \$92m.

The spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce pointed out that for some days after the devaluation there were temporary delays in the dispatch of exports until the settlement of administrative matters connected with the orders. This had a temporary effect on the size of the export figures for August.

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Index down slightly

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The market continued to be irregular yesterday. The turnover was IL443,200; of this, IL66,900 was in the variables. The turnover in bonds was IL1,993,700; with dollar-linked bonds falling, and index-linked bonds irregular.

The investment dollar stayed at IL4.28, despite an offer of \$110,000; and some \$180,000 was traded. In Lilienblum Street, the black market dollar was IL4.25-IL4.26 (with plenty of people offering to sell, but few desiring to buy), and the Deutschmark was IL4.26-IL4.27.

The following stocks rose in price: General Mortgage (23,300), by 3.0; Export Investment (8,000), by 0.5; to 49.5 (50.5 in the variables); Foreign Trade Investment (58,400), by 3.0; to 65; Eastern Paper (9,500), by 3.0; to 190.5 (190 in the variables); Central Trade (5,200), by 1.5; to 146.5 (147 in the variables).

The following stocks fell: Alliance (3,500) by 4.0; Delek (10,200), by 3.0; Rascos (10,000), by 1.0, to 34. The general index of share prices fell by 0.07 per cent, to stand at 143.45.

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Price increases on staples rolled back

Local-made cars dearer

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Standard bread and white loaves are back to their pre-devaluation price today, according to instructions issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Milk, eggs, oil and margarine are reduced — though not all the way back to the former level.

At the same time, makers of local-made cars published approved, and higher, prices, and an increase was allowed in road haulage rates. A kilo of standard dark bread will be 38 ag. instead of 42, and 750 grams will fetch 33 ag. instead of 35. White bread is down from 39 ag. to 36 for a 750-gram loaf. But the price of *halot*, rolls, and kimmel bread is not reduced.

Eggs are down by one agora, with the new price ranging from 10 ag. to 13, according to size. (Medium-sized eggs of 50-60 grams will remain unchanged.)

Milk, which was pushed up from 30 ag. to 33, is down to 32 ag. a bottle. Soya oil will be 70-71 ag. for a 580-gram bottle, instead of 75 ag. Margarine, which was supposed to go up from 30 ag. to 33, will cost only 32 ag. Goldband, due to rise from 40 ag. to 43, will be priced at 42 ag.

RESTAURANT RISES

Restaurant prices agreed upon by the National Union of Commerce were accepted also by the Merchants Association yesterday. They comprise the following increases: fresh fish, 7 per cent; meat (fresh, frozen, chicken or turkey), 8 per cent; other dishes, 6 per cent. Soft drinks and liquor of local manufacture will not go up in price.

Meat and sausage sandwiches sold in bars and kiosks may be upped by 10 per cent. The price of locally-produced cars went up by around IL4,450 yesterday. The price of imported cars is still being worked out with the importers.

An agreement was also reached between the Ministry of Transport and garage owners not to raise charges for repairs and servicing in the wake of devaluation. Price changes on some locally made cars:

Plenty of fish for the holiday

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — If you don't have gefilte fish for Rosh Hashana, it won't be because there's any shortage of fish. Live carp is available in abundance, and the breeders can supply whatever the market demands for the forthcoming Rosh Hashana holiday.

The secretary of the Breeders' Union told *The Post* yesterday that there would be no shortage and that there is no reason to charge customers more than the official retail price of IL3.50 per kg. The Union expects that the demand will be for 400 to 450 tons for the week of Rosh Hashana (as opposed to the normal weekly demand of 180 tons). In order to avoid "technical" shortages, however, he called on housewives to buy their holiday fish as early as possible and not to leave the purchase till the last moment.

BAKALIA PRICES

Meanwhile, the Atlantic Deep Sea Fishing Company has asked the Government for a IL600,000 "devaluation grant" to enable the company to sell its existing stocks of hake (bakalia) at the old price. The company has some 2,200 tons of the fish in cold storage, enough to meet normal demands until next January.

If the Government agrees to the grant, bakalia prices will remain steady until then, the company's general manager, David Lakhish, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. He said that the foreign currency component in the cost of bakalia is about \$350 a ton.

If the Government refuses to make the grant, Atlantic will raise its prices by about 10 per cent, which would raise the retail price of the fish by 15 to 20 per cent. However, the company will try not to raise the price before Rosh Hashana, Mr. Lakhish promised.

The Government's decision is expected tomorrow.

Israel must fight now as in '20s: Dayan

NAHALAL — "I'm afraid that in the 1970s Israel will have to fight for its right to exist no less than it had to in the 1920s. Although riots and murder at Tel Hai, in Jerusalem or Yafa, are a thing of the past, it would be irresponsible if we closed our eyes to the hostility around us," Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said last night at the 50th anniversary celebrations of this moshav, where he grew up.

Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati told the assembly earlier that, since the Six Day War, 33 new settlements had been established in Israel.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon brought greetings from the country's workers and called for greater unity between urban and rural workers. (Ism)

But supermarkets will be open

STORES CLOSED TODAY AS GROCERS PROTEST

By SARAH HONIG, Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shoppers will have to depend on the large Supermarket chains, today, as the country's 8,000 grocery store owners are planning not to open for business. They are protesting the alleged campaign of "public incitement" conducted against them by the authorities.

Along with the Supermarkets, it is expected that several hundred groceries whose proprietors belong to the National Union of Commerce will stay open. Grocers who do not plan to participate in the strike say that they have been threatened, and called on the police to protect them. The striking grocers are all affiliated with the Merchants Association.

Association chairman David Shifman explained to *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the strike comes in the wake of government calls

following devaluation to act as "price inspectors" and to report all unauthorized price hikes. "Our profit margins have been cut anyway; but, as if that were not enough, we are now being identified in the eyes of the public with price gougers. We are the ones who bear the brunt of complaints by customers."

"While all this wrath is unleashed on the retailer, the wholesaler gets away without criticism. But wholesalers often charge more and are responsible for many rises," Mr. Shifman charged.

Mr. Shifman also complained that some wholesalers did not heed grocers' calls to deliver larger quantities of food yesterday morning so that housewives could stock up a day in advance. "Certain people who were, I think, inspired by the Government, went around to bakers telling them that deliveries should be conducted as usual on Tuesday morning — the day of the strike. That was also announced that it would make its regular deliveries today and not send extra supplies a day early. Only several hours later, close to noon, did wholesalers begin to deliver the extra supplies we asked for," Mr. Shifman said. Some bakers could be seen delivering extra bread to groceries yesterday afternoon.

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Foreign Trade Bank stock:

GOV'T BUYING IL10 SHARES FOR IL31.55

By MOSHE ATER, Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The offer made by the Government to Foreign Trade Bank shareholders, as a preliminary to the planned merger of four banks into one big commercial bank, has exceeded the public's highest hopes. Owners of Foreign Trade Bank IL10 shares will be offered IL31.55 for each share. Part of the price (IL5) will be payable on delivery, and the rest in April 1972. The offer will be valid till the end of October. All shareholders are expected to accept it.

Foreign Trade Bank shares were quoted at 109 only three months ago, before preparations for setting up the new bank had got under way. Their latest quotation was 267. The price now offered is 20 per cent above that. No dividends were paid by the bank for several years and none were expected in the near future.

A somewhat lower price will be paid for the IL10 shares held by the Central Trade Company, though it will get more for the IL1 shares held by it, which give Central Trade actual control of the bank. Altogether about IL17m. will be paid by the Government for acquisition of the Foreign Trade Bank's share capital of IL17.2m. The bank had a balance sheet value of 208 per cent at the end of 1970.

The price to be paid for Export Bank shares has been put at IL17.5m. Negotiations concerning acquisition of Kupat Am and Agudat

participating, non-convertible capital notes will be provided by the Government (to match every pound put up by other shareholders, both in the form of equity and capital notes). All capital notes will carry interest of 10 per cent. The amount put up by the foreign investors — totalling \$20m. — will be granted the status of "approved investment," entitling them to convertibility up to a 25 per cent income tax ceiling on their profit.

GOV'T HAS 26%

The Government will have 26 per cent of the new bank's share capital, as well as a founding share, giving it veto power in major matters. Foreign Investors (First Pennsylvania Corporation, Triumph Investment Trust, and the Israel Investors Group) will between them own 56 per cent. The remaining 18 per cent will be owned by several local groups (including the Histadrut, a group of industrialists, and the Wolfson-Meyer group, the present shareholders of Export Bank).

The bank's share capital will amount to IL90m. plus another IL90m. of participating, convertible capital notes, taken up by the shareholders. In addition, IL133m. of non-

'Machine' takes over Labour Party

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — In one of its most unorthodox moves in years, the Labour Party Central Committee yesterday chose its new executive bodies. Although the majority of speakers sharply criticized the manner in which the composition of the new Secretariat and the new Leadership Bureau had been arranged behind the scenes, the Party machine, led by the big-city branches, managed to overcome all opposition.

If anything, this meeting indicates that the 'Gush' Party machine has completely wrapped up the Party under the stewardship of Party Secretary-General Yehoshua Yeshayahu. Compared to the previous Leadership Bureau, it did not include any ex-Mapai member of independent leaning.

Mr. Yeshayahu frequently lost control, both of the meeting and of his temper. He was upset by accusations that the Party Appointments Committee, especially its ex-Mapai bloc, had co-opted itself *en bloc* onto the Leadership Bureau, but kept ex-Mapai ministers out. Acting in what was considered by many to be a grossly partisan manner, Mr. Yeshayahu declined to put dissenting proposals to the vote, and instead only tabled the official motion.

He rebuffed alternative suggestions with comments of "don't rock the boat," or "don't ask too many questions."

LEADERSHIP BUREAU

The sharpest stirrings arose over the composition of the Leadership Bureau. It comprised, for ex-Mapai, Premier Golda Meir, Beba Meison (women), Aharon Becker (Economic Committee), Moshe Baran (Jerusalem), Yehoshua Rabinowitz (Tel Aviv), Moshe Werthan (Haifa), Avraham Zilberberg (moshavim), Meir Zarmi (kibbutzim), Yehoshua Meshel (trade unions), Uri Sabag (North Africans), Israel Kelsari (young Yemenites), Mordechai Namir (veterans), plus Avraham Ofer, David Kalderson and Yitzhak Shapiro of the Appointments Committee, and ex-officio, Mr. Yeshayahu and Youth Division Secretary Yehiel Leket.

For ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda, there was Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Minister-without-Portfolio Israel Galili, Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon and Deputy Party Secretary-General Avraham Geverber. For ex-Rafi, the Bureau comprised Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi and Deputy Party Secretary-General Mordechai Ben-Porat.

In an impassioned speech Mr. Yoda Kesse deplored "the rampant mediocrity" that now dominated the party appointment committee system. He praised ex-Rafi and ex-Ahdut Ha'avoda for including their Ministers, while his ex-Mapai wing had not.

He revealed that Mr. Yeshayahu had told him: "I'm beaten." The speaker asked, "What does a defeated party Secretary-General do? Surely he must resign."

Consumers Authority Chairman Nussa Katzav wanted to know why the Oriental communities were not properly represented on the bureau. "We have one Minister (Shlomo Hillel) who is a member of the Oriental community and who is widely respected. Why was he kept out?" she asked.

Nissa Shama also deplored Mr. Hillel's exclusion and mocked Mr. Yeshayahu's call for full integration of all communities in party forums, where his Yemenite community was disproportionately represented.

resented. Dr. Emmanuel Guttman (professionals) decried the appointments system as "bankrupt, ugly and dishonourable" and predicted that such a forum "would be incapable of making real decisions." Both Messrs. Ya'acobi and Adi Amora, M.K., protested that a day-old agreement for a 25-member bureau had suddenly vanished, and that the meeting had been presented with 27 names (the extra two — Yeshayahu and Leket). "If people do not keep their word, how are we to work?" Mr. Ya'acobi wanted to know.

UPSETTING BALANCE

Mr. Yeshayahu repeated his warning about "not upsetting the delicate balance. I preferred a bureau of 15, but if we had included the Ministers we would have to expand the bureau to 40," he said.

Mrs. Senta Josephthal, the kibbutz leader, protesting against the absence of key economic Ministers in the top party policy-making forum, urged to applause that Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Labour Minister Yosef Almog replace Yitzhak Shapiro and Avraham Ofer.

"Mr. Sapir knows I have disagreed with him, but it is out of the question that economic policy discussions take place in his absence and that labour troubles be debated without Mr. Almog." More applause greeted her attack on the

appointment committee's *en bloc* nomination of its members on the bureau.

This brought Mr. Sapir to the rostrum to beg off serving in the bureau. He said: "I may be outside the bureau but I am involved in most things."

Mr. Shama subsequently proposed that Mr. Hillel be co-opted instead of someone else. Mordechai From noted that the party regulations allowed for a bureau of 31 members and urged that apart from Messrs. Sapir and Almog, Mr. Hillel and Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati be included. Mr. Yeshayahu sought to restrain him and said: "Your motion can upset everything."

Contrary to the usual practice of putting dissenting motions, to the vote first, Mr. Yeshayahu read out only the official proposal. There were 126 votes for, 61 against, and 18 abstentions.

Earlier there had been a fight over the 151-member secretariat (plus two Arab and Druse members), involving the changing of the party constitution. Mr. Yeshayahu's official motion was confirmed by 153 votes to 61, with 15 abstentions.

Another vote was held on Mr. Werthan's demand that henceforth the branches get two-thirds of all representation to one-third from party headquarters. The motion was defeated by 132 to 55, with eight abstentions.

West, East Bank chambers meet in Amman

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
A joint meeting between the West Bank Chambers of Commerce and those of Jordan was held yesterday in Amman to discuss the Arab League's threat to boycott West Bank and Gaza Strip products. This was the first time a West Bank representation held an official meeting in Amman under Jordanian aegis since the 1967 war.

Despite the emphasis placed by Jordan on the "unity of the two banks of the Jordan," however, the West Bank delegates demonstrated obvious caution in an Amman TV interview last night.

Dinars being converted into IL

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
The free-market price of the dinar has fallen below the official rate for the first time, and a sizeable number of conversions into Israeli pounds are taking place, it was learned from banking sources.

The recent devaluation lifted the dinar's exchange rate from IL0.80 to IL1.175. Meanwhile, there are fears of a possible devaluation of the Jordan dinar, which has caused a drop in its black-market value to 10 per cent below the legal rate.

THE ETZION BLOC-Adulam road, opened on August 1, was formally dedicated by Labour Minister Yosef Almog during a visit to the group of settlements yesterday.

CONSCIENTIOUS VOLUNTEER

KIBBUTZ GINEGAR — The mother of a volunteer who took ill here this summer has sent a cheque for IL100 as compensation for lost workdays. The cheque, sent by a Mrs. Walshwinkel of Amsterdam, was accompanied by a letter thanking the kibbutz for its devoted care of her daughter. The kibbutz sent the money back with a note suggesting that Mrs. Walshwinkel contribute it to afforestation projects in Israel. The cheque arrived via the Jewish National Fund. (Ism)

Allon scheduled visit to Norway

OSLO (Reuters). — Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, will visit Norway from September 14 to 18, it was announced here. He will have talks with Prime Minister Trygve Bratteli and Foreign Minister Andreas Cappelen and visit educational institutions.

DELAYS IN INCOMING EL AL FLIGHTS

LOD AIRPORT. — Two El Al planes arrived here late on Sunday because of technical breakdowns abroad.

One plane, which left Montreal bound for Israel, landed instead at Kennedy Airport in New York because it was losing air pressure. Another took off from Kennedy but landed again inside of an hour because of engine trouble. (Ism)

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Waldays 40-20	40-20	40-20
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Haifa Port 40-20	40-20	40-20
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Shomron 40-20	40-20	40-20
Tel Aviv 40-20	40-20	40-20
Lod Airport 40-20	40-20	40-20
Jericho 40-20	40-20	40-20
Gaza 40-20	40-20	40-20
Beer Sheva 40-20	40-20	40-20
Dimona 40-20	40-20	40-20
Tiran Straits 40-20	40-20	40-20

ARRIVALS

Mrs. M. Gellib and Mrs. J. Lapid, Executive Presidents of the American Women's Organisation of America, for an extended stay, on M.V.O.A. business.

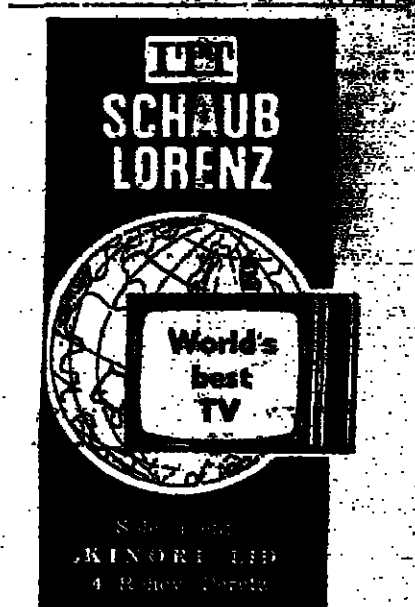
Mr. Emiliano Valdivia, former Minister of Agriculture of Colombia, and Mr. Antonio Barboza, Director of Colombia's Institute of Agrarian Reform, as guests of the Foreign Ministry and the I.C.A.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Maurice Bonstein, Chairman of the Weizmann Institute's Executive Council, after 10-day visit.

Mr. Julian Vassily, Secretary-Treasurer of the Israel Insurance Corporation, after taking part in talks on the establishment of the new Israel International Bank, in which I.C.A. is participating.

Mr. George Welford, the British publisher after a week visiting his Jerusalem office and meeting with authors (by M. A.).



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